



STYLES For the BEACH

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A Suit
of Pink
Brocade
with an
Embroidered
Rose on
the Waist

A Suit of Blue and Buff Satin
with a Red Jacket

A Smart
and Very Short
Silk Frock
Above Tight
Little Knees
Breeches

The Canoeist will Rejoice in a
Costume as Easy to Swim in as This

Daring Swimming Costumes Must Have Big Wraps To Cover Them On Shore - Palm Beach Costumes That Set the Style For This Summer - For the Woman of Quiet Taste.

CONVENTION has had to yield a point—and again and again a point—to fashion, in the matter of bathing suits. Not all the horrified ejaculations of Mrs. Grundy; not all the rigid regulations of certain bathing beaches against sensational costume; not all the satirical efforts of the newspapers have been able to banish daring and dashing bathing suits from American shores; though it may be noted that all the daring swimming costumes are worn on ocean shores and not on lake shores. Fashion pronounces the new bathing suits "quite unquestionable," so a humble writer can only make word pictures about them for her readers and leave the latter to form their own opinions.

From a Yacht One Swims as One Pleases.

The most extreme type of bathing suit pictured on today's page will probably not alarm any of the aforementioned old-fashioned beach visitors this season; for it is not a beach swimming costume but a far more exclusive type—a yacht swimming costume. From the privacy of a yacht's deck one may dive into deep water in any costume at all that is satisfactory to the other members of the yacht's party and at most, only ten or a dozen people will take note of your costume.

Very picturesque little swimming costumes go diving overboard from luxurious yachts, and it seems a pity that only Father Neptune and a handful of others have the privilege of seeing them. For a young man who will spend the summer cruising in Long Island Sound and along the New England coast to Bar Harbor has been designed the very attractive swimming suit with a little jacket and slashed Oriental trousers confined at the hip under a knotted sash. The trousers are of satin in a bright navy shade with facings of buff satin and rows of little blue glass buttons. The sash is of navy and buff satin in folds and the sleeveless bodice is of buff satin with the tiny blue glass buttons down the front. The stockings are of buff-colored silk and laced boots of buff satin match the trousers. One strong note of color is given in the jacket of shimmering white taffeta with rows of buff soutache at its edge. The cap of navy blue satin is trimmed with rubber daisies in buff and blue.

Bathing Suits Imitate Frocks For Formal Wear.

There is nothing in the least sensational about the little bathing suit of checked taffeta, except that it imitates an ordinary street frock chopped off above the knee to show tight breeches of black satin. If this does not produce a sensational effect, one does not know what would. A bathing suit of the most abbreviated and sleeveless type—but still frankly a bathing suit—could not be half so daring and sensational as this modest, simple little street frock in which one could make afternoon calls, or do the morning marketing with perfect propriety—were it not chopped off above the knee and worn with tight knee-breeches such as George Washington wore on formal, festive occasions. Obviously, sensational features aside—this is a bathing suit for a woman who dreads sunburn and freckles as the plague itself. The sleeves come clear down to the knuckles and the neck is swathed with a high collar. Cut two inches longer in the skirt and worn over ordinary knee-length knickers, this should make a very attractive and practical bathing costume for a woman who freckles or burns easily. The big hat is a most interesting part

of the costume. It might, at first glance, be a smart tailored quateron of silk or velvet intended for street wear—this assists in giving the costume its sensational effect in conjunction with the satin knee breeches; but the hat is for bathing and sand wear only for it is made of rubberized silk, the square brim having a wire at the edge. Such a hat will be discarded by an actual swimmer, before a dive into the water; but its advantage on a sunny beach cannot be gainsaid.

And, speaking of abbreviated, street attire worn, in the way of bathing suits, over tight knee-breeches, I must tell you about another model seen recently. Very smart is the upper part of the costume, which is of pale tan shantung with a skirt gathered from a shallow yoke, the latter extending down to the hem in a broad panel at front and back, so that the flare is entirely at the sides. A belt, buttoned with a big pearl button, sets trimly around the waist and above, the bodice is equally trim and smart, fastening toward the left and having a high, soft stock collar, also buttoned with big pearl buttons, and long, close-fitting sleeves buttoned at the wrist. This fetching little bathing dress escapes the knee by five inches, and as the lower garment extends two inches below the knee, seven inches of this lower garment, a sort of compromise between full bloomers and fitted knee-breeches is revealed below the flaring skirt. The full bloomers, also of tan shantung, have cuffs which button tightly over the knee-cap. Tan silk stockings, black satin bathing slippers, and a wide black silk bathing hat complete this very chic costume for sand and sea.

The Dainty Type of Bathing Suit.

Rather daintier than smart in character is the slashed suit of shell pink satin brocade whose emblem is an American Beauty rose embroidered richly on the breast. There is something very engaging about this little suit, though its practical qualities must be doubted. Shell pink brocade in the salt, salt sea; shell pink brocade on the blistering sands under the scorching sun; shell pink brocade twisted and tortured in the rusty old wringer of the bathing pavilion and hung out to dry on a wire rope! One does hate to think of these things to be sure.

Bathing Suits For The Conservative.

The woman who will have none of these picture costumes but demands something reasonable and practical yet attractive withal, for bathing wear this summer, may consider with profit the costume of flounced taffeta—plum colored taffeta in the suit pictured—with pipings and buttons in white. Conventional and modest enough to please anybody is this little costume, yet as dainty as heart could wish. The double flounced skirt is full enough for style and grace, but not too full for easy swimming, and the bodice, with its gay pipings, and sleeve to the elbow, is particularly pleasing. The bathing hat is of white taffeta being adjustable so that it may be rolled up or down. White silk stockings and canvas bathing shoes accompany the plum frock. Under the frock are plum taffeta knickers ending just at the knee.

One of the best dressed women at Palm Beach this season, wore a bathing suit of striped taffeta in gay colors, the stripes running horizontally on a full, gathered skirt; and vertically on the sleeveless bodice. A square neck was outlined by bands, and a chemise of black satin and the wide

sash, twisted twice around the waist to give a trim effect, was also black satin. A bathing cape to match this suit was of black satin lined with the striped silk.

A Bathing Cape Imperative This Year.

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The Bathing Suit has Its Smart Accessories

PRETTY as it may be in itself, the bathing suit is only one item of a smart swimming regalia. Without its correct accompaniment of silk hosiery, satin slippers, coquettish hat, beach parasol and reticule, the bathing suit alone would cut a sorry figure on the sands. Imagine even the most arresting bathing suit, worn with ordinary black cotton stockings, perhaps owing to a pebble-worn hole in the heel and a red cotton bandanna twisted around the head to keep the hair in place! Half of the effect would be lost.

First in importance comes the bathing cap, which is as telling an accessory with the swimming costume as a Paris chapeau ever was with a formal promenade costume. Bathing caps have become nervous things in the last season or two. The very latest style is not a cap at all, but a shady-brimmed hat that shades the face becomingly and incidentally prevents the sun from blistering a charming nose. At Palm Beach this season these bathing hats were the rage. Some of them, made of rubberized silk in soft, gray colors, had shirred crowns which fitted over the head closely and wide wire-bound brims which might be drawn down, mushroom fashion or curled dashingly up at one side in sombrero effect. A big bow of the rubberized silk completed the graceful outline of the hat. Another style was the Mexican hat, with straight, broad brim and high, peaked crown. These hats were worn tipped back on the head and fringed streamers of rubber fell down the back. Becoming as they are, these new bathing hats do not wreck the bank account like millinery for more formal occasions; a wide-brimmed hat in either of the styles described may be had for about two dollars.

Cape cost even less—a ravishingly becoming cap of silk or rubberized cloth may be had for less than a dollar, some as low as half that price, and these caps have all sorts of odd and original shapes. The Dutch style is becoming to some faces; others are suited by a closer cap without the frill and side-roses of the Dutch model. There are Turban caps, too, with a rubber tassel bobbing at the top, and a new shape called the aviator cap has a very practical extension which

comes down over ears and neck and ties around the chin. The real swimmer, however, usually wears these trifling head coverings which do not—even the best of them—keep the hair dry, and protects her tresses with an ordinary diving cap of gum rubber, knotting over this a square of silk tied as tightly as possible. Most women will